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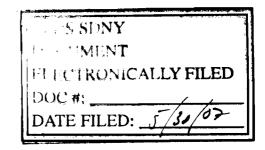
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The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Danny Leo a/k/a "The Lion"

S25 06 Cr. 008 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

On May 23, 2007, a grand jury returned the above-referenced indictment against the above-referenced defendant. At the request of the Government and the grand jury, that indictment was sealed by the United States Magistrate Judge before whom the indictment was returned.

The defendant has been arrested this morning and will be presented before your Honor at 11:30 a.m., today. Based on the foregoing, the Government respectfully asks that the above-referenced indictment be unsealed for the purposes set forth in this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED:

United States District Judge

Dated: May **10**, 2007